

# ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5           An information recording medium includes a disk  
information area; a user area including a plurality of  
sectors; and a spare area including at least one sector which,  
when at least one of the plurality of sectors included in  
the user area is a defective sector, is usable instead of  
the at least one defective sector. The spare area is located  
radially inward from the user area. A physical sector number  
10 of a sector to which a logical sector number "0" is assigned,  
among the plurality of sectors included in the user area  
and the at least one sector included in the spare area, is  
recorded in the disk information area.

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